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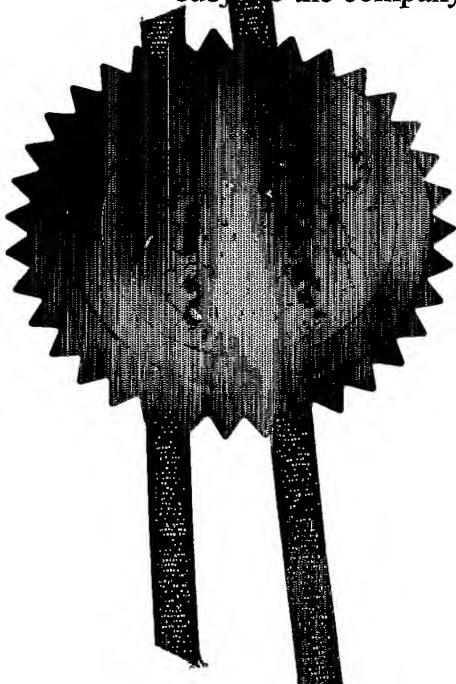
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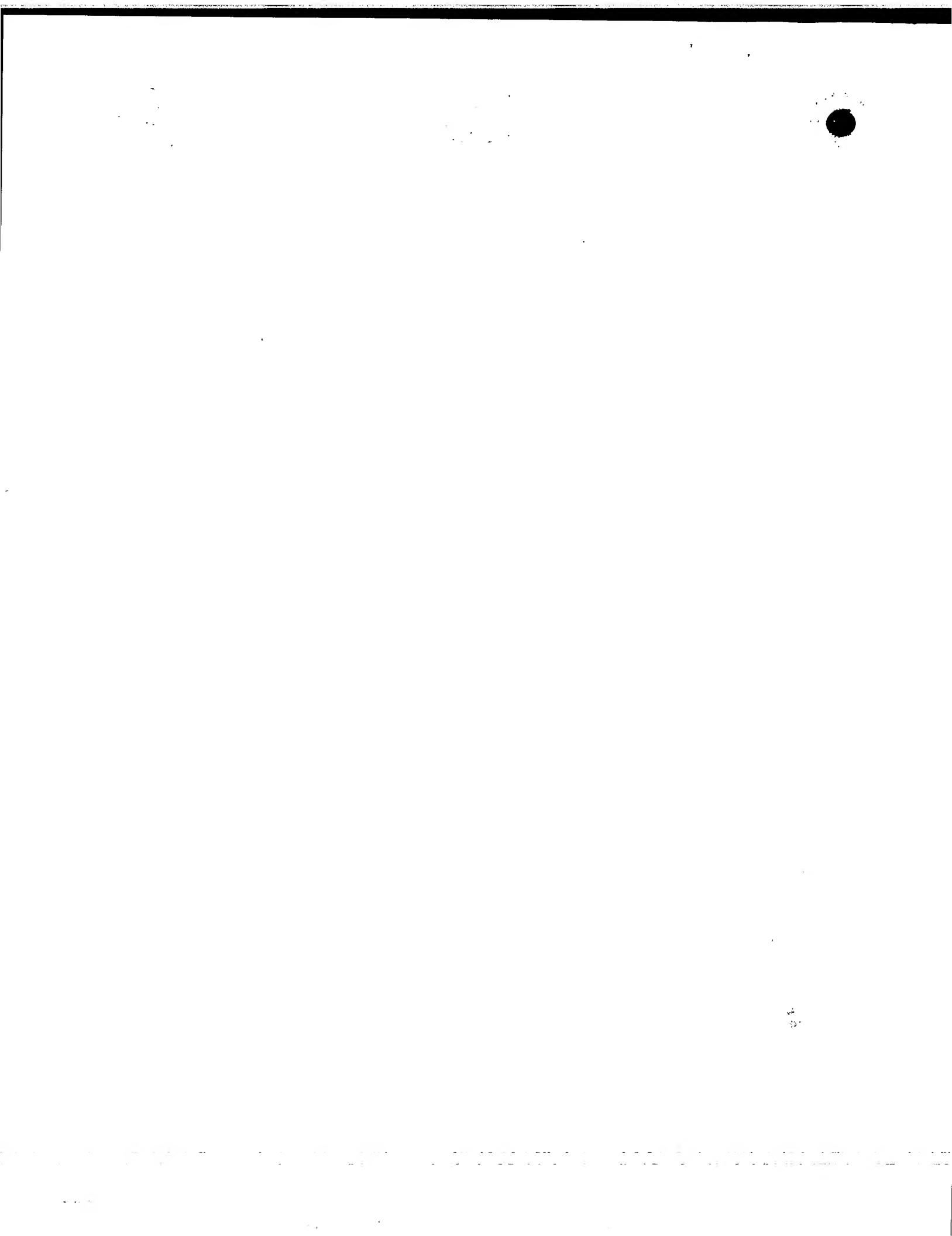
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Bed Covers

5 The present invention relates to bed covers.

The term "bed covers" as used herein is taken to include sheets, blankets, duvets, duvet covers, quilts and bedspreads that in use cover an occupant who sleeps in a bed.

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There is a need, particularly with small children, for a comforter that the child may cuddle whilst falling to sleep.

15 An object of the present invention is to provide a comforter that in use forms part of the bed cover and which forms a padded object which the occupant can cuddle.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a bed cover that incorporates a comforter constructed in accordance with the present invention.

20 According to the present invention there is provided a comforter for a bed cover comprising a padded object that, in use, projects beyond an edge of a bed cover towards a head-end of a bed, and is shaped and dimensioned to extend in a direction that extend along the length of the bed cover.

The comforter may be releasably attached to the bed cover or an integral part of a generally rectangular shaped bed cover.

5 The comforter may be shaped to form a person's head-like shape, or a cuddly toy, or a cartoon character.

If desired the comforter may be detachably connected to the bed cover by means of a releasable fastening means. The fastening means may comprise a loop and hook fastener wherein one part of the fastener is attached to the comforter and a second part of the fastener is attached to the bed cover. Alternatively the fastening means may comprise a plurality of spaced press studs wherein one part of each press stud is attached to the comforter and a second part of the press stud is attached to the bed cover. In a further alternative the fastening means may comprise a zip fastener wherein one part of the zip fastener is attached to the comforter and a second part of the zip fastener is attached to the bed cover.

15 The bed cover may be selected from sheets, blankets, duvets, duvet covers, quilts or bedspreads.

20 The comforter is preferably located at a corner of the bed cover.

1 The bed cover, together with the comforter, may be provided with an outer cover of complimentary shape to the bed cover and comforter. A picture of a face of a

person or cartoon character may be printed on the outer cover at a region of the comforter corresponding to a face of a person or cartoon character. The picture of a face may be printed on both sides of the comforter so that the bed cover is reversible and can be used with the comforter on the left or right hand side of a bed.

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The invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

10 Figures 1 and 2 illustrate schematically bed covers having a comforter constructed in accordance with the present invention.

15 Figures 3 to 5 show alternative designs of comforter constructed in accordance with the present invention for attachment to conventional duvets to make a bed cover according to the present invention.

20 Referring to Figure 1 there is shown a plan view of a bed of normal construction comprising a base (not shown) on to which is laid a mattress (not shown), under blankets or sheets (not shown), pillows (11), and a bed cover in the form of a duvet constructed in accordance with the present invention.

The bed cover (12) comprises a conventional duvet generally of rectangular shape in plan, made in the form of an outer envelope (13) containing an infill of feathers

or textile filaments or fibres. The duvet is shaped to cover the bed (10) and the occupants when lying in the bed and includes an integral comforter (14).

The comforter (14) is in the form of a padded or filled envelope of textile material
5 that projects beyond an edge (12a) of the duvet at a head-end of the bed. The comforter (14) extends predominantly in a direction which in use extends along the length of the duvet. In other words, the comforter extends predominantly towards the head of the bed and is located at one of the top corners of the rectangular part of the duvet (12). In an alternative design of bed cover (12) the
10 comforter (14) may be detachable from the rectangular part of the duvet (12). In this case, the comforter (14) and the duvet (12) are provided with a fastening means (16) which may be in the form of a hook and loop fastener of the type sold under the registered Trade Mark Velcro™ or may be a conventional zip fastener or a series of press studs comprising components fitted to each of the comforter
15 (14) and the duvet (12).

A duvet cover or quilt cover (15) of a corresponding shape to the rectangular duvet (12) with the comforter (14) is slid over the comforter (14) and duvet (12).

20 The comforter (14) may be a simple cylindrical shape of circular, oval, rectangular, elliptical, hexagonal or octagonal cross sectional shape

The comforter (14) is typically 20cm wide and projects beyond the top edge of the rectangular part of the duvet (12) by a distance of approximately 30cm.

As shown in Figure 2 the comforter (14) may be shaped in the form of a circular
5 shape corresponding to a head-like shape of a person having a slightly reduced
neck portion (14a) connecting the circular portion (14b) to the duvet (12). In the
latter instance, the duvet cover (15) could be printed with the picture or image of
the face of a cartoon character or a person such as a famous celebrity at a region
corresponding to the "face" of the comforter (14). The face may be printed on
10 both sides of the comforter, thereby enabling the bed cover (12) to be used with
the comforter on the left or right hand side of the bed.

The predominant dimension of the comforter is preferably in the range of 20cm to
40cms and the dimension that is lateral to the predominant direction is in the range
15 of 15cm to 30cms. Preferably the predominant dimension is 40cms and the
transverse dimension is 2cms.

Referring to Figures 3 and 4 the comforter (14) may be in the form of a cartoon
character or cuddly toy such as a teddy bear, badger, elephant and similar
20 character, in which case the duvet cover is suitably shaped with a complimentary
shape to fit the character incorporated in the comforter (14). In all instances the
comforter (14) extends predominantly in a direction along the length of the bed.

That is to say that it has a major dimension which extends in a longitudinal direction along the length of the duvet (12) and the bed.

Although the duvet (12) and comforter (14) may be an integral unitary construction with the infill filling both the rectangular duvet (12) and the comforter (14) or the comforter may be separately filled, it may be possible to construct the outer cover (15) of the duvet with a separate pocket similar to a pillow case. In this case the pocket would be shaped so that it has a predominant dimension extending along the length of the bed and the pocket filled either with loose infill material (feathers or fibres) or a pillow-like cushion.

In the case where the comforter (14) is detachably removable from the duvet (13), the comforter (14) may be removed when the child outgrows the need for the comforter and the duvet (12) may continue in use as a straight forward conventional rectangular shaped duvet.

Claims

1. A comforter for a bed cover comprising a padded object that, in use, projects beyond an edge of a bed cover towards a head-end of a bed, and is shaped and dimensioned to extend in a direction that extend along the length of the bed

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cover.

2. A comforter according to claim 1 wherein the comforter is releasably attached to the bed cover.

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3. A comforter according to claim 1 wherein the comforter is an integral part of a generally rectangular shaped bed cover.

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4. A comforter according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the comforter is shaped to form a person's head-like shape.

5. A comforter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the comforter is shaped in the form of a cuddly toy.

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6. A comforter according to claim 5 wherein the comforter is shaped in the form of a cartoon character.

7. A comforter according to claim 5 wherein the comforter is shaped in the form of a body and head of a cartoon character.

5 8. A comforter according to claim 2 wherein the comforter is detachably connected to the bed cover by means of a releasable fastening means.

9. A comforter according to claim 8 wherein the fastening means is a loop and hook fastener wherein one part of the fastener is attached to the comforter and a second part of the fastener is attached to the bed cover.

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10. A comforter according to claim 8 wherein the fastening means comprises a plurality of spaced press studs wherein one part of each press stud is attached to the comforter and a second part of the press stud is attached to the bed cover,

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11. A comforter according to claim 8 wherein the fastening means comprises a zip fastener wherein one part of the zip fastener is attached to the comforter and a second part of the zip fastener is attached to the bed cover.

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12. A comforter according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the bed cover is a duvet or quilt.

13. A comforter according to claim 12 wherein the duvet or quilt is positioned inside a removable duvet or quilt cover and the duvet or quilt cover is of a shape corresponding to the shape of the duvet or quilt and the comforter.

5 14. A comforter according to claim 13 wherein the duvet or quilt cover is decorated with a face of a person or cartoon character at a region corresponding to the position of a face on the comforter.

10 15. A comforter according to claim 13 wherein the duvet or quilt cover is decorated with a face of a person or cartoon character on each side of the comforter so as to enable the comforter to be used on a left or right hand side of a bed.

15 16. A comforter according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the comforter is located at a corner of the bed cover.

20 17. The combination of a comforter according to any one of the preceding claims and a bed cover.

20 18. A comforter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the comforter is of a cylindrical shape.

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19. A comforter according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the comforter has a predominant dimension of the order of 20cms to 40cms and a dimension transverse to the predominant dimension of the order of 15cms to 30cms.

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Abstract

A comforter (14) for a bed-cover (12) comprising a padded object that, in use, projects beyond an edge of the bed cover towards a head-end of the bed. The comforter (14) is shaped to extend in a direction that extends along the length of the bed cover (12).

[Figure 1]



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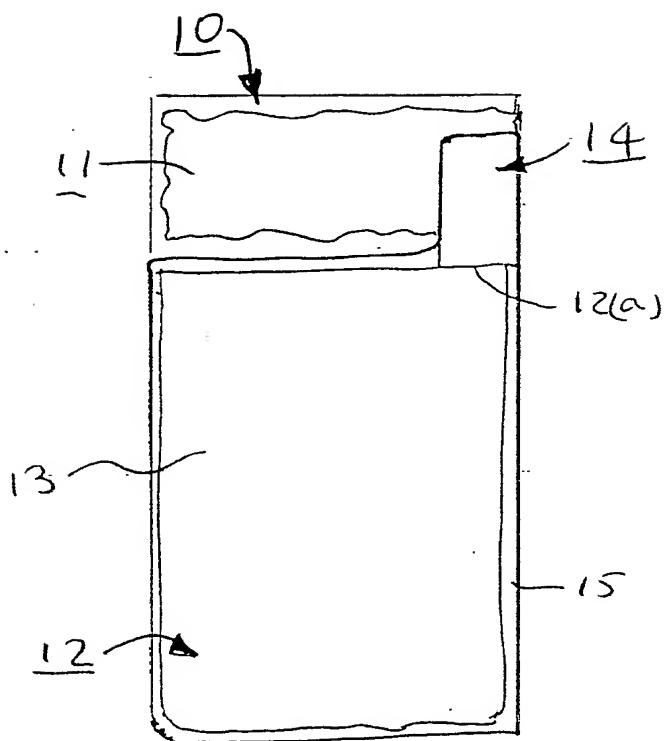


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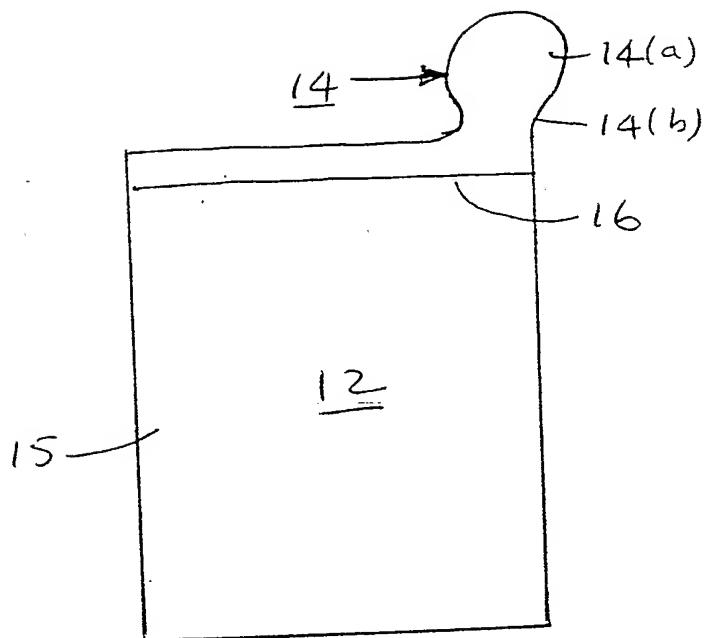


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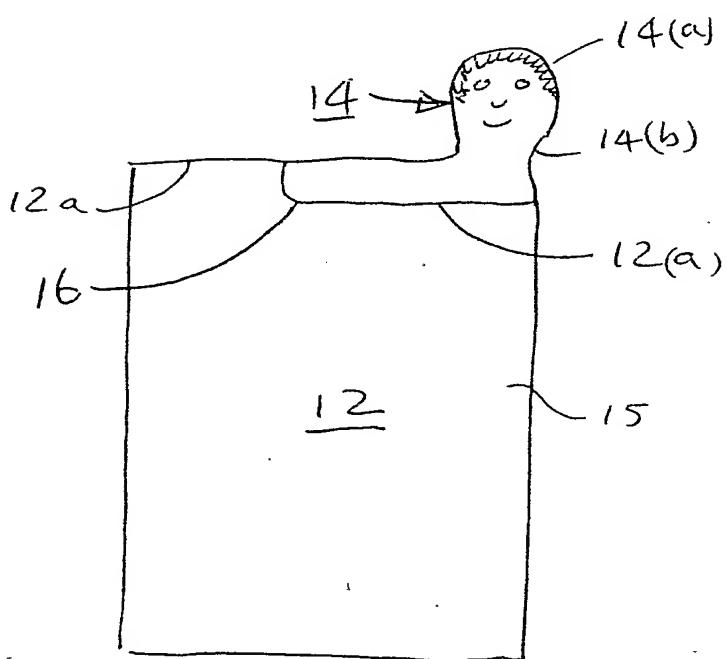


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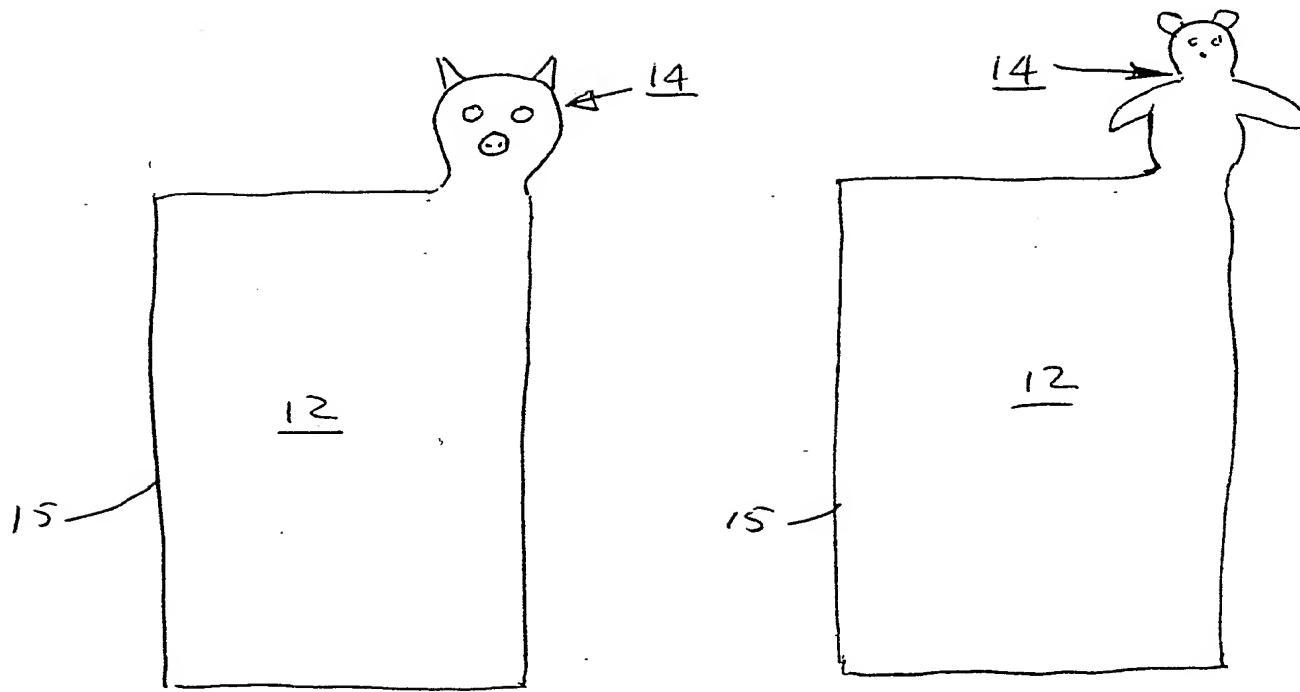


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